

**CHAPTER NO. 255**

**SENATE BILL NO. 1415**

**By Person**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1204

By Buck

AN ACT To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 17.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:


SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 17, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as an appropriately designated new section:

Section 55-17-1\_\_\_\_. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the venue for any cause of action, claim, lawsuit, arbitration or mediation in which the parties or litigants are a manufacturer and a motor vehicle dealer shall be the State of Tennessee. This provision may not be waived in any contract or other agreement and to do so would be against the public policy of Tennessee.

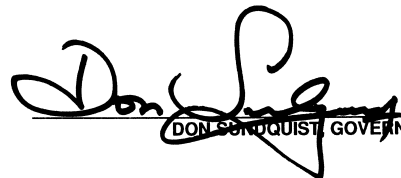
SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: May 14, 2001**

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**APPROVED this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May 2001**

  
DON SUNDQUIST, GOVERNOR